Lemont Library

October 2022 Archives Exhibit

Scavenger Hunt!

Can you find all of these 1940s facts in the exhibit?

- What was the name of the most popular boogie-woogie music group in the 1940s?
- What were some ingredients that were rationed during the 1940s?
- What's the name of the woman who encouraged others to join the workforce while the men were at war?
- Who is Mickey's mentor in the Sorcerer's Apprentice? His name might sound familiar if you spell it backwards!
- Who gave Wonder Woman her wonderful title in her first comic?

"You Can Do It!"

While men were out on the front lines, many women took on factory jobs and other positions that had been left empty. Rosie the Riveter encouraged them!

Rationing

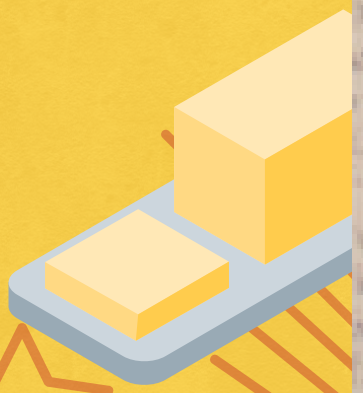
Thursday, February 26, 1942

REGISTRATION FOR SUGAR WILL FORM A CENSUS

To Be Made At School Some Time During the Coming Month of April

Registration of local residents some time next month for the first war ration books in order to purchase sugar, will constitute a practical census of the community's population, involving every man, woman and child, according to an initial glimpse given this week of sample registration forms and sugar rationing books.

It is expected that it will require about 10 to 15 minutes on the average to fill out the registration forms which means that Superintendent D. L. O'Sullivan of the Lemont public elementary school, and the heads of other elementary schools of the township, will be confronted with a herculean task in registering those eligible to receive sugar.



Groceries

The fact is, prices have really gone up - look at this ad in a 1942 Lemonter newspaper for Bigger Food Bargains!

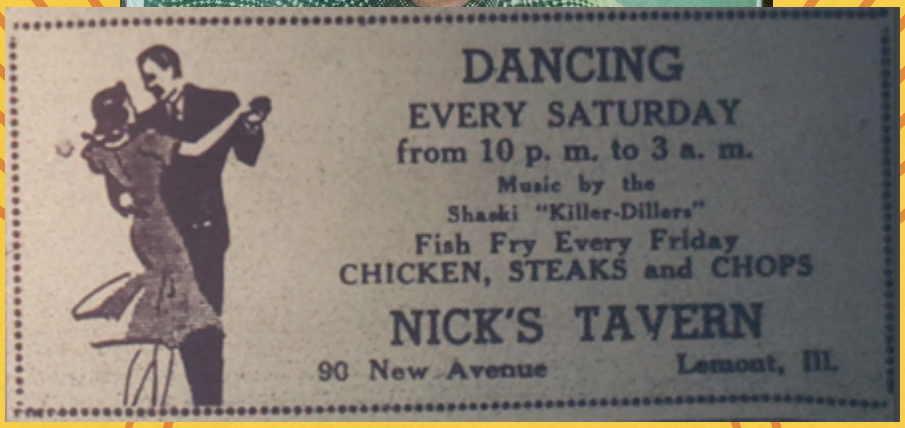
Bigger FOOD BARGAINS

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

NEW RED Potatoes 4 lbs. 25c	OUR BEST Butter lb. 37c
RED Potatoes 15 LB. PECK 23c	LEAN Soup Meat lb. 15c
LOOSE Carrots 3 lbs. 10c	NATIVE Pot Roast lb. 27c CENTER CUT ..... lb. 33c
CRISP Celery STALK 7c	BONELESS Beef Stew lb. 29c
FRESH Green Beans lb. 15c	HOME MADE SUGAR CURED Corned Beef lb. 15c
JONATHAN Apples 4 lbs. 25c	TENDERIZED Flank Steaks lb. 33c
CALIFORNIA Oranges doz. 25c	NECK BONES PIGS FEET BULK KRAUT 2 lbs. 15c

Music

Music like jazz, blues, and boogie-woogie were very popular, and dancing was a popular activity to go with them!

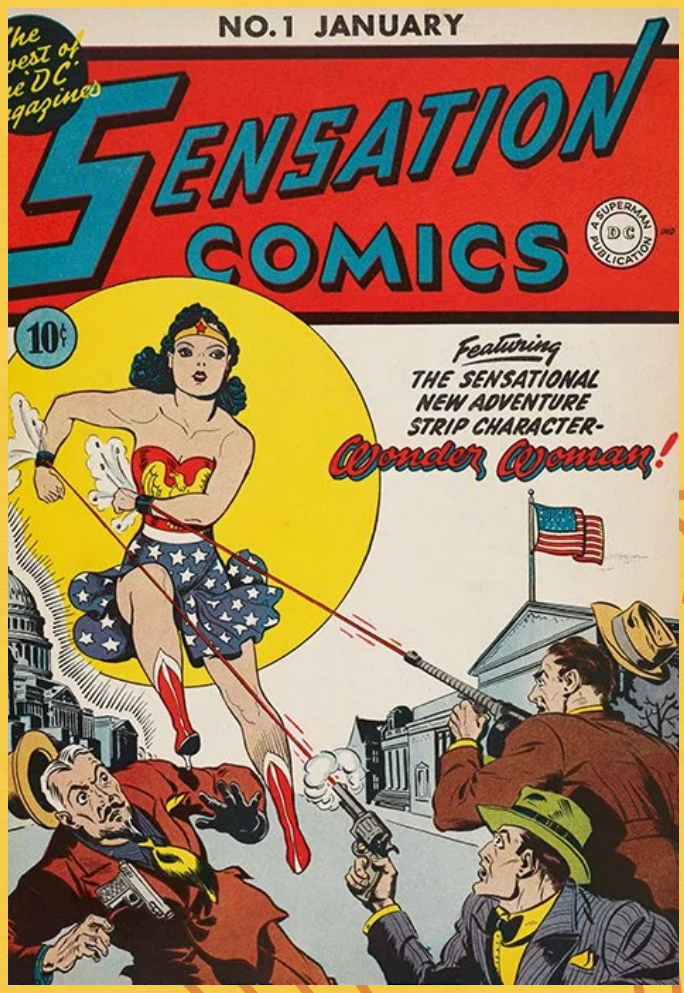


Animation

In the I940 movie, Fantasia, Mickey was the Sorcerer's Apprentice.

That sorcerer's name? Yen Sid! (Backwards, it spells Disney!)

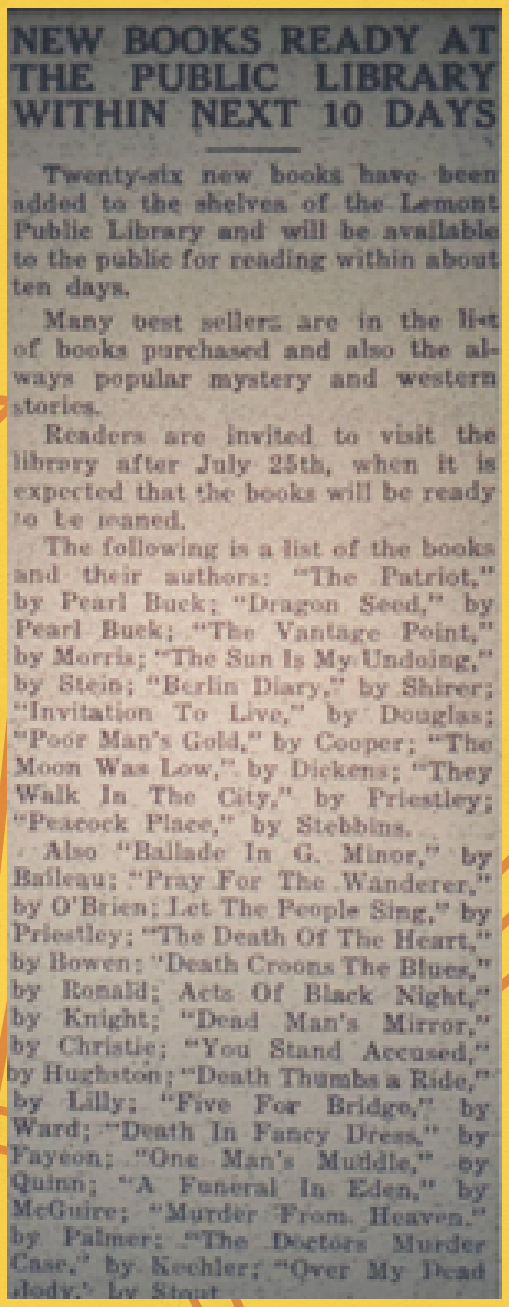
Comics



On her first adventure, published in January 1942, Wonder Woman got her title from Steve Trevor after she saved him in a fight. As he recovers, he insists to his nurse - "There is a Wonder Woman! I saw her!" - not knowing that it's her.

Books at the Lemont Library

The collection was still growing and everyone could see the whole list of new books in the news!



NEW BOOKS READY AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS

Twenty-six new books have been added to the shelves of the Lemont Public Library and will be available to the public for reading within about ten days.

Many best sellers are in the list of books purchased and also the always popular mystery and western stories.

Readers are invited to visit the library after July 25th, when it is expected that the books will be ready to be loaned.

The following is a list of the books and their authors: "The Patriot," by Pearl Buck; "Dragon Seed," by Pearl Buck; "The Vantage Point," by Morris; "The Sun Is My Undoing," by Stein; "Berlin Diary," by Shirer; "Invitation To Live," by Douglas; "Poor Man's Gold," by Cooper; "The Moon Was Low," by Dickens; "They Walk In The City," by Priestley; "Peacock Place," by Stebbins.

Also "Ballade In G. Minor," by Baileau; "Pray For The Wanderer," by O'Brien; Let The People Sing," by Priestley; "The Death Of The Heart," by Bowen; "Death Croons The Blues," by Ronald; Acts Of Black Night," by Knight; "Dead Man's Mirror," by Christie; "You Stand Accused," by Hughston; "Death Thumbs a Ride," by Lilly; "Five For Bridge," by Ward; "Death In Fancy Dress," by Fayeon; "One Man's Muddle," by Quinn; "A Funeral In Eden," by McGuire; "Murder From Heaven," by Palmer; "The Doctors Murder Case," by Kechler; "Over My Dead Body," by Stout.